

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2226

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 19605 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2226, as introduced, Bigelow. Horse racing: satellite wagering facilities: fairs.

The Horse Racing Law permits the California Horse Racing Board to authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing meeting to also operate a satellite wagering facility at its racetrack inclosure, under specified conditions that differ between the northern zone and the central and southern zones, and provides specific guidelines for the operation and location of these facilities. That law also authorizes fairs to contract for the operation and management of a satellite wagering facility with an individual racing association or a partnership, joint venture, or other affiliation of 2 or more racing associations that are licensed to conduct thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone.

This bill would authorize a fair to contract with 2 or more fairs that are licensed to conduct thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone for the operation and management of a satellite wagering facility.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19605 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19605. (a) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the board may authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing meeting in the northern zone to operate a satellite wagering facility for wagering on races conducted in the northern zone at its racetrack inclosure subject to all of the conditions specified in Section 19605.3, and may authorize an association licensed to conduct a racing meeting in the central or southern zone to operate a satellite wagering facility for wagering on races conducted in the central or southern zone at its racetrack inclosure subject to the conditions specified in subdivisions (a) to (e), inclusive, of Section 19605.3 and the conditions and limitations set forth in Section 19605.6.

(b) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, no satellite wagering facility, except a facility that is located at a track where live racing is conducted, shall be located within 20 miles of any existing satellite wagering facility or of any track where a racing association conducts a live racing meeting. However, in the northern zone, a racing association or any existing satellite wagering facility may waive the prohibition contained in this subdivision and may consent to the location of another satellite wagering facility within 20 miles of the facility or track.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the Department of Food and Agriculture may approve not more than three satellite wagering facilities that are licensed jointly to the 1a District Agricultural Association and the 5th District Agricultural Association and that are located on the fairgrounds of the 1a District Agricultural Association or within the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco. Before a satellite wagering facility may be licensed for the 1997 and subsequent calendar years under this subdivision, the department shall conduct a one-year test at the proposed site in order to determine the impact of the proposed facility on total state parimutuel revenues and on attendance and wagering at existing racetracks and fair satellite wagering facilities in the Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano. Notwithstanding Section 19605.1, a satellite wagering facility may be located on property leased to one or both fairs. Notwithstanding

1 any other ~~provision of~~ law, the fairs may contract for the operation
2 and management of a satellite wagering facility with an individual
3 racing association or a partnership, joint venture, or other affiliation
4 of two or more racing associations *or fairs* that are licensed to
5 conduct thoroughbred meetings within the northern zone.

6 (d) Subdivision (b) shall not be construed to prohibit the location
7 of satellite wagering facilities within 20 miles of any existing or
8 proposed satellite facility established pursuant to subdivision (c).

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